

Amos Kendall to Andrew Jackson, August 14, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

AMOS KENDALL TO JACKSON.

New York, August 14, 1833.

Dear Sir, I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by Mr. Niles to drop you a few lines in relation to the progress of my business.

Of nine banks here from which I have received answer, eight have signified their willingness to undertake the public service. I have a good prospect of inducing some of them to offer the personal responsibility of their Directors in addition to that of their Banks as security for the government. This would have a conclusive effect on public opinion.

Mr. McLane has been here and left this morning. He suggested to Mr. Van Buren the idea of making all arrangements for a transfer and giving a positive order to take effect on the 1st of January next, the arrangement and the reasons to be laid before Congress at the commencement of the session. As one individual I should be delighted with this, *provided* Mr. McLane and Mr. Duane will exert their influence in Congress to sustain the measure. But if that influence should be used to defeat it, there is a probability that they and the Bank could carry two thirds against it and we should be in a worse condition than ever. The only *certain* course, it seems to me, is to make up an issue at once; but if they will give assurances of support on which reliance can be placed, it may be better, for the purpose of avoiding other difficulties, to take the step suggested.

Excuse me for making these suggestions. They arise solely from a desire to see the removal take place in such a way as to be sustained. The whole cabinet acting with you in

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good faith, can sustain it in the House of Representatives, and that result, if attainable, is devoutly to be wished. But to make delay expedient, it seems to me, that the dispositions of those gentlemen in that respect, should be *undoubted* .

This evening I leave for Boston. On reviewing the prospect before me, I am persuaded I shall not get back quite so soon as I last wrote you. But it may be safely concluded, that I shall get back before the first of September.

With the highest respect